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Budding young entrepreneurs given room to grow downtown

Pop-up shop. Portage Place partners with Downtown BIZ for pilot project to help small-business owners display their wares



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Seven young entrepreneurs are getting the chance to sell their wares out of a downtown storefront thanks to a pop-up shop that opened Tuesday at Portage Place Shopping Centre.

Created through a partnership between the mall and Downtown Winnipeg BIZ, Launch It! Youth Entrepreneurship Incubator and Pop-Up Shop is a three-week pilot project giving the small-business owners roughly 4,000 square feet of space to display their products in the front, along with small offices in the back to conduct business.

"It's about learning and

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Lennard Taylor, one of seven young entrepreneurs given retail space to try out small business ownership at Portage Place Shopping Centre

making connections," explained BIZ executive director Stefano Grande, noting the shop's second-floor location just off the skywalk coming from MTS Centre means up to 10,000 people a day will walk past the store. "You don't get this kind of exposure anywhere else."

The location, a former spa, was donated free of charge by Portage Place. Management will decide with BIZ and the entrepreneurs themselves whether to keep it going once the pilot ends April 15.

"We'll see where it goes," said Portage Place general manager Dave Stone, who didn't rule out the possibility of making it a permanent fixture. "If this is successful, and we can see this becoming an ongoing downtown program, then we'll look at a business plan."

In the meantime, designer Lennard Taylor, 28, is just happy to have space to show off his wide range of men's and women's clothing and accessories.

"I really hope that Winnipeg embraces what we're doing here," he said. "There's a huge benefit to entrepreneurs being downtown and I think it really beneficial to our community."

The who and the when

Businesses taking part include OI Furniture, Synonym Art Consultation, EPH Apparel, The Bannock Factory, Lennard Taylor, Delicious Kicks and DigiPlus. The shop is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday.





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Refunds coming down the frozen pipes for homeowners

Unanimous vote.

Those who paid private companies for thawing will likely be reimbursed up to \$305, mayor says



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Winnipeg homeowners who paid to have their frozen pipes thawed before Feb. 28 will be getting some pocketbook relief.

Mayor Sam Katz and the other members of executive policy committee voted unanimously during a special meeting on Tuesday to reimburse homeowners going back to Dec. 1, 2013.

Katz said the move came down to fairness and "an even playing field."

"We tried to create something as fair as possible.... I believe we have accomplished that," said Katz, who also praised staff for their dedication to bringing back water services. "They're out there working really hard to restore and do

Katz said those homeowners who paid private companies for thawing will likely be reimbursed to \$305, which is what the city charged homeowners.

An early estimate of this cost is just over \$200,000, but Katz said the final number will depend on how many homeowners went to the private companies.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck, who first brought forward the reimbursement motion, said she supports the motion, but is concerned that the \$305 limit for homeowners who went with companies may be too low.

"Î've heard from a couple people that maybe three hours was charged, so I guess time will tell how that evolves," she

"But I think going back as far as it did, Dec. 1, is really

Both Katz and Havixbeck said a lengthy and thorough council seminar was held Monday afternoon, which led to the calling of a special committee meeting for Tuesday morning.

The motion now moves on to city council's meeting on



City should explore disaster dollars: Havixbeck



The city's municipal leaders are mulling an application for disaster financial assistance over Winnipeg's frozen pipes emergency.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck said the \$305 fee per home for the thawing of frozen pipes isn't the only cost to consider — there are also overtime hours for staff and

the costs incurred by homeowners told to leave their

water running.
"I think we're there now, I do," said Havixbeck, referring to the \$750,000 minimum spending requirement in order to apply for disaster financial assist-

"The numbers are get-

ting up there and I raised that question (Monday) at the council seminar."

Should the assistance be granted, the three levels of government would foot the bill for any costs over the

Mayor Sam Katz said the city has gone the disaster financial assistance route

during past floods.

"This winter has been extremely unique, (but) no decision has been made on that," said Katz, adding the program's criteria will also be explored.

"We're letting the department look at that as

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Geese make like snowbirds and head back south

Ah, that weather.

FortWhyte Alive manager says city is too cold for Canadian geese to handle



It's so cold in Winnipeg this spring even the geese are turning their feathers to our weather.

Ken Cudmore of Fort-

Whyte Alive told Metro on Tuesday a group of about 200 Canadian geese that had made its annual return to the interpretive centre last week took to the air and headed back the way it came just days after landing.

"I've been doing this for 30 years and I don't remember ever seeing anything like it," said Cudmore, FortWhyte's site and wildlife manager. "I couldn't imagine they went north, so I'm assuming they went back south."

Cudmore said geese normally follow the disappearing snow line on their

annual migration north, and he thinks the few nice days we saw last week and a strong south wind might have tricked the birds into thinking it was nicer up this way than it turned out to be once they got here.

With temperatures dropping 10 C and sometimes even closer to 20 C below the temperatures we can normally expect for this time of year, Cudmore said he doesn't blame the iconic birds one bit.

"Not at all," he laughed.
"I'm thinking of joining them"

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Moray Street

Info sought after pedestrian struck

Police are asking anyone who witnessed a crash involving a pedestrian in the Murray Industrial Park Tuesday morning to give them a call.

The pedestrian, an adult man, was crossing Moray Street heading east when he was hit by a car heading north around 8 a.m.

The pedestrian is now in stable but guarded condition, and the man behind the wheel of the car is listed in stable condition.

Speed and manner of driving are considered factors in the crash, according to police.

Anyone with information should call investigators at 204-986-6271. METRO

Politics

Complaint about census nothing new, says Pallister

Manitoba's Opposition leader says Premier Greg Selinger is rehashing an old strategy with a complaint about census numbers.

Tory Leader Brian Pallister produced news articles Tuesday that show Selinger complained in 2002 that Statistics Canada had undercounted Manitoba's population by 19,000 people.

Earlier this year, the government said the most recent census undercounted the province's population by 18,000.

Selinger says the population dispute is costing the province \$100 million a year in federal transfer payments.

Statistics Canada stands by its numbers, and Pallister says the government is building a phoney excuse for its deficits.

Selinger says the Opposition should stand with the government in its attempts to get more money from Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime

Cop facing charges including sexual assault

Winnipeg police are saying very little about what led them to charge one of their own with offences including sexual assault and extortion.

Const. Remi Van Den Driessche, 39, an eight-year member of the Winnipeg Police Service, has been charged with sexual assault, two counts of breach of trust, two counts of extortion, and four counts of criminal harassment in connection to allegations involving both on- and off-duty conduct, according to a release sent to media Tuesday.

The charges stem from an investigation started by the WPS professional-standards unit back in June 2013, according to the release, but a police spokesperson wouldn't say what allegations led to the charges, or what unit the officer was with

Van Den Driessche was released on a promise to appear in court and has been placed on administrative leave pending a review of his employment status. METRO

Crime

Police catch up to robbery suspect

Police have a man in custody after officers randomly ran into the suspect wanted in connection to a gas-bar robbery in the Mynarski area over the weekend.

A lone man made off with an undisclosed amount of cash after robbing a gas bar in the 1300 block of Mc-Phillips Street around 4:40 a.m. Saturday.

Police were called to a residence on Langside Street Monday on an unrelated matter, but while there they recognized the suspect and made an arrest.

Harold Mace, 33, is charged with robbery and failing to comply with a probation order. METRO



Man found dead in West End bus shelter

A police officer bags winter clothes found in a bus shelter at the corner of Sargent Avenue and Maryland Street, where a man was discovered dead early Tuesday. Police and emergency services were called to the shelter around 5:30 a.m. The man was confirmed dead on site. The cause of death hasn't been confirmed and is pending the results of an autopsy. Shane GIBSON/METRO



Ukrainian marines wave goodbye to Crimea

Ukrainian marines leaving their base wave from a bus in Feodosia, Crimea, Tuesday. Ukrainian soldiers piled onto buses and began their journey to Ukrainian territory on Tuesday, as former comrades saluted them from outside a base overrun by Russian forces. Their departure came as Ukraine's defence minister stepped down Tuesday after facing harsh criticism for the often-hesitant reaction to Russia's annexation of Crimea, which was formalized following a hastily organized referendum this month. VALERIY KULYK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian court holds new mass trial of Islamists

Troubling. The trials have raised deep concerns among human rights activists

After a single session with no defence lawyers present, an Egyptian judge said Tuesday he will issue verdicts next month in a new mass trial of 683 suspected Islamists on charges of murder and attempted murder, a day after he sentenced hundreds to death in a similar trial that raised a storm of international criticism.

The mass trials have raised deep concerns among human rights activists over the lack of due process as Egyptian

'Defies logic'

- The U.S. State
 Department said it
 "defies logic" that so
 many defendants could
 have gotten a fair trial
 in two sessions.
- German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier called the verdicts "very alarming" and said "further mass trials must be suspended."

authorities push swift and heavy prosecutions in their crackdown against Islamists and the Muslim Brotherhood. Some 16,000 have been arrested in the crackdown since the military's ouster of President Mohammed Morsi last summer.

Defence lawyers boycotted the trial that began Tuesday in the court in the city of Minya, south of Cairo, to protest the verdicts issued the day before in a separate trial.

Despite the lawyer boycott, presiding judge Said Youssef went ahead with the session, hearing testimony, in what the lawyers called a violation of the law.

After the five-hour hearing, the judge announced that he would issue verdicts in the case at the next session, set for April 28, according to judicial and security officials who attended the

sessions and Mohammed Tosson, a defence lawyer who boycotted the session but was present in the court building to monitor the results.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the proceedings.

The 683 defendants, all but 68 of whom are being tried in absentia, could also face the death penalty in the case.

Among the defendants is the top leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, Mohammed Badie, as well several other senior members of the group. Badie is in custody in Cairo but was not brought to the hearing in Minya for security reasons.

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Struggling Museum of History sets low public-fundraising bar

Dismal donations.

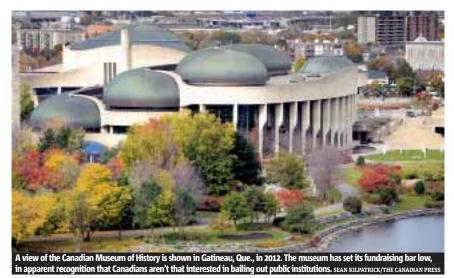
Largest, most-visited museum in Canada launches drive to raise only \$10,000 over each of the next two years

Canada's largest, most-visited museum is relaunching a fundraising campaign to capitalize on historic anniversaries over the next few years.

But the Canadian Museum of History has set the bar very low — just \$10,000 to be raised over each of the next two years, an apparent recognition that ordinary Canadians aren't that interested in bailing out hard-pressed public institutions.

The sprawling structure — across the Ottawa River from Parliament — has until recently been known as the Museum of Civilization.

The Conservative govern-



ment in 2012 announced the name change, which took effect just before a series of anniversaries, such as the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War later this year and the 150th birthday of Canada in 2017.

The museum recently issued a tender to find a firm

to run its annual giving campaign, which is currently based on a direct-mail appeal to donors.

The tender documents

Study: Most lost cellphones are

show that in the last three years, the museum — which welcomes more than a million visitors a year — has found just 530 such donors.

And officials foresee only tiny annual increments in donations, to just \$20,000 by 2017, even with a professional firm running the campaign.

The Canadian War Museum is also under the corporate wing of the history museum. Donations there are more robust, with 8,200 donors in the last three years and a goal of \$400,000 to be raised in the next year, according to the tender documents.

But officials also note the average age of so-called "annual giving" donors — the repeat givers — is 78 years, and the program will have to reach a new generation in their 40s, 50s and 60s.

The two museums together had expenses of about \$92 million in 2012-13.

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Quebec

Lac-Mégantic probe officially wrapped up

Quebec provincial police are confirming they have completed their investigation into the deadly train disaster in Lac-Mégantic.

The crash and explosion killed 47 and destroyed a large swath of the downtown area last summer.

Police spokeswoman Aurelie Guindon says the investigation was officially wrapped up on Saturday and the case is now in the hands of the province's director of criminal and penal prosecutions.

Neither the Crown nor police would discuss the results of the probe.

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Alberta

Man forced from home by flooding wins a new house

A man who was forced out of his home by flooding in southern Alberta last year has won a show home worth almost \$1 million.

High River resident William Rader was out of his house for almost two months when floodwaters swamped most of the town south of Calgary last June.

Rader bought a ticket for the STARS air ambulance fundraising lottery and was one of four grand-prize winners. He says finding out he won a house — worth \$945,000 — is surreal and it will take some time to sink in. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Political pages

Justin Trudeau publishing an autobiography

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has announced he will publish a personal memoir.

In a press release, publisher HarperCollins Canada says the "candid" autobiography will cover the 42-year-old's childhood to his university days and political career, and will boast "anecdotes, personal reflections and never-before-seen photographs."

The memoir is set to be released this fall, and proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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Privacy. Device with data on 583,000 student loans left unsecured: Report

A portable hard drive containing personal information on more than half a million people who took out student loans was left unsecured for extended periods and lacked password protection and encryption, says the federal privacy czar.

Employees handling the device were not aware of the sensitivity of the information it contained, concludes the report from interim privacy commissioner Chantal Bernier.

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada acknowledged last year the drive held data on 583,000 Canada Student Loans Program borrowers from 2000 to 2006.

The missing files included student names, social insurance numbers, dates of birth, contact information and loan balances, as well as the personal contact information of 250 department employees.

Bernier's report, tabled in Parliament, says a gap between policies and practices at the department — now known as Employment and Social Development Canada — led to weaknesses in

Human error or ill intent?

2 months

The privacy commissioner's office opened its investigation in January of last year after the department reported that the hard drive had been missing for two months. Officials did not know whether it was a case of human error or ill intent.

information management, physical security controls and employee awareness.

The commissioner found that department employees violated sections of the federal Privacy Act related to the use, disposal and disclosure of personal information.

Information security cannot be assured by having policies on paper — they must be put into practice every day, Bernier said.

The department has begun implementing her recommendations, she added. "We hope this investigation will prompt other federal departments and private-sector organizations to review their own privacy policies and practices."

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returned — after some snooping The odds of having a lost cellphone returned are just a little

phone returned are just a little better than 50/50, while the chances of it being probed by its finder are close to 100 per cent, according to the results of an experiment conducted in six Canadian cities.

Security software company Symantec dropped 10 phones each in Calgary, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver and waited to see if they would be returned.

Each phone was preloaded with icons for phoney apps designed to tempt the finders into tapping on them. Tracking software recorded what they couldn't resist peeking at.

Stefano Tiranardi, an information protection specialist with Symantec Canada, says he's disappointed by the results of the experiment.

"I was surprised at the higher-than-expected numbers," Tiranardi says.

"Really, individuals who misplace a phone or have it stolen have absolutely no hope their private information will remain private."

Of the 60 phones in the test, 55 per cent of them were picked up by someone who attempted to return the device, while 27 were grabbed and



never returned — and they weren't even flashy high-end smartphones: Symantec used older Google Android phones for the experiment.

Among the questions that Symantec wanted to answer with the study was how persistent people would be in poking around a found phone.

The answer was very.

One phone dropped at a Calgary bus stop was found by an honourable person eager to return it. But while waiting to establish contact with the rightful owner, that person did some extensive snooping. That storyline wasn't unusual.

Ninety-three per cent of the phones were accessed in some way by people who found them. Social networking and corporate-related apps were tapped on about twothirds of the phones, while passwords, photos and email apps were launched on half of the devices. An online banking app was accessed on one in three phones.

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Pilot ignored co-pilot's warning, report into Arctic crash reveals

First Air Flight 6550.

Crash at Resolute Aug. 20, 2011, killed eight passengers, four crew — three passengers miraculously survived

It took just 2-1/2 minutes for a combination of human and technical mistakes to turn a passenger and supply flight into a remote Arctic community from routine to calamitous.

A Transportation Safety Board report into the crash of First Air Flight 6550 blames an undetected autopilot change, a faulty compass reading and disagreement between the pilots about whether to abort the landing.

In cool, technical language the board's report provides a second-by-second breakdown



of what probably happened in the cockpit as the pilots crashed the Boeing 737 into a

hillside more than a kilometre from the runway.

Problems began because

on-board compasses were incorrectly adjusted by 17 degrees. That error was compounded when the captain turned into the final approach and unwittingly changed the operational mode of the plane's autopilot. Busy with the landing checklist, in weather obscured by cloud, mist and light rain, neither he nor the co-pilot picked up the change.

Within seconds after that final turn, the co-pilot realized the plane was off course and repeatedly told the pilot, reminding him about the large hill to the right of the runway. The pilot replied that the autopilot was working fine.

Five seconds later, the copilot suggested they pull up and go around for another approach. The pilot, fully focused on landing the plane and on figuring out why his instruments were giving confusing readings, refused.

The plane smashed into the hill and broke into three main pieces. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lawsuits

Several lawsuits filed over the disaster cast partial blame on the Canadian Forces, which had taken control over the airport on the day of the crash.

- The transportation board said the military's presence was not a contributing factor in the crash.
- The military had set up a temporary air traffic control tower to guide in all planes. The airport was normally an uncontrolled airspace and pilots navigated themselves onto the runway.
- The suits claim the military did not have enough people on duty to handle the air traffic.

Houston shipping channel reopens after oil spill

The U.S. Coast Guard partially reopened one of the nation's busiest seaports to ship traffic Tuesday, three days after a collision between a barge and a ship spilled up to 645,000 litres of tar-like oil into the waters south of Houston.

Authorities said ship

were being allowed through the Houston Ship Channel after their assessment teams deemed it was clear enough for passage. More than 100 ships on both sides of the channel were awaiting the reopening. Traffic through the channel includes ships serving refineries key to American oil production.

The oil spill happened Saturday, when a barge carrying 3.4 million litres collided with a ship.

The amount of oil spilled was much less than such major U.S. disasters as the

1989 Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska, which dumped 42 million litres of oil into the Prince William Sound, and the Deepwater Horizon spill, which resulted in 378 million litres of oil entering the Gulf of Mexico four years ago.

Officials believe most of

the oil that spilled Saturday is drifting out of the Houston Ship Channel into the Gulf of Mexico, which should limit the impact on bird habitats around Galveston Bay as well as beaches and fisheries important to tourists.

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said the spill occurred at an especially sensitive time and place. The channel in Texas City, about 73 kilometres southeast of Houston, has shorebird habitat on both sides, and tens of thousands of wintering birds are still in the area. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dozens missing, deaths set to climb in Wash. mudslide

The search. Some crews had to pull back on Monday because of concern over potential flash floods or another landslide

Washington state officials say searchers found 10 more bodies in the debris of a massive landslide, raising the number of people who died in the disaster to 24.

Snohomish County District 21 Fire Chief Travis Hots announced the fatalities Tuesday evening after residents from the nearby logging town of Darrington spent the day helping rescue crews scour the muck for any sign of survivors.

The grim discoveries came three days after the collapse of a rain-soaked hillside about 55

Searchers had warned they were likely to find more bodies in the debris field, which covered a neighbourhood of 49 structures. Authorities believe at least 25 were full-time resi-

Dozens of people remain unaccounted for. Authorities are working off a list of 176 potentially missing people, though many of those names likely are duplicates and they think that number will decrease.

From the beginning, rescue crews on the ground have faced dangerous and unpredictable conditions as they navigated quicksand-like mud that was 15 feet deep in some places. Some who went in got caught up to their armpits in the thick, sticky sludge.

A scientist who documented the landslide conditions on the hillside that buckled had warned in a 1999 report filed

with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the "potential for a large catastrophic failure," the Seattle Times reported late

That report was written by geomorphologist Daniel J. Miller and his wife, Lynne Rodgers Miller. "We've known it would happen at some point," Daniel Miller told the newspaper.

Snohomish County executive John Lovick and public works director Steve Thomsen said Monday night they were not aware of the 1999 report. "A slide of this magnitude is very difficult to predict," Thomsen told the Times. "There was no indication, no indication at all."

Snohomish County emergency management director John Pennington said officials would examine the report, but he said local authorities were vigilant about warning of potential landslide dangers.

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Spying concerns. Obama to propose ending NSA's sweep of phone records

The White House wants the National Security Agency to get out of the business of sweeping up and storing vast amounts of data on Americans' phone calls. And a proposal to have the government seek information from phone companies' existing records satisfies public concerns about privacy, President Barack Obama said Tuesday.

The Obama administration is expected this week to propose that Congress overhaul the electronic surveillance program to end the government's practice of collecting the phone records of millions of Americans and holding them for five years so the data can be searched for national security purposes. Obama commented Tuesday in the Netherlands at the close of a summit on nuclear secur-

The White House proposal is similar to legislation members of the House Intelligence Committee introduced Tuesday.

Both Obama and the chairman of the intelligence committee have said

the existing phone records collection program receives plenty of oversight and the data is secure. But the White House and House intelligence committee are responding to public concerns about the NSA counterterrorism program.

Details of the government's secret phone records collection program were disclosed last year by former NSA contract systems analyst Edward Snowden.

"There's a lot of mistrust" as a result of the Snowden disclosures, Chairman of the House intelligence committee Mike Rogers, R-Mich., said. And this new proposal addresses those concerns, he said.

The White House is expected to propose that the phone companies hold onto the records for 18 months, just as they are required to do now by federal regula-

The bulk phone records collection program is set to expire next summer. If Congress can't agree on changes before then, the program will end completely.

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Indian Ocean search

China demands satellite data on missing plane

China demanded Tuesday that Malaysia turn over the satellite data used to conclude that a Malaysia Airlines jetliner had crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, killing all 239 on board. Officials sharply narrowed the search area as a result of that assessment, but the zone remains as large as Texas and Oklahoma combined. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ethiopia

Being gay to become a 'nonpardonable' crime

Ethiopia's lawmakers are set to pass a bill that puts homosexuality on a list of offences considered "nonpardonable" under the country's amnesty law, a measure that continues a trend of anti-gay legislation across Africa. The bill, endorsed last week by Ethiopia's cabinet, is widely expected to pass when lawmakers put it to a vote next week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harper 'surprised' by Nadon verdict, but will respect decision

Supreme Court seat.

Nadon says he's not sure if he's required to repay salary earned since appointment was announced in October

The Conservative government intends to respect the Supreme Court's decision to deny Marc Nadon the chance to occupy the vacant Quebec seat on the high court bench, says Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

But the government is still reviewing the decision about Nadon's eligibility, which Harper admitted Tuesday left him "very surprised."

"What I can tell you is this: we're obviously going to respect the decision," Harper told a news conference follow-



ing the conclusion of the twoday Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague.

in The Hague.

The Supreme Court concluded that Nadon, a semi-retired Federal Court of Ap-

peal judge, does not meet the specific eligibility requirements for a Quebec seat on the bench as spelled out in the Supreme Court Act.

The high court also says the government needs a constitutional amendment to change the criteria for judges on the top court.

The government expected the Supreme Court to find in its favour, because the possibility of a rejection had been characterized by the experts it consulted as "very hypothetical."

Nadon himself spoke up Tuesday, telling Global News in an interview that he was prepared for the court to rule either way.

"I've been living in limbo, you know, since October, so at least this has certainly ended the uncertainty," Nadon said.

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Pistorius expected to testify

Oscar Pistorius and his aunt, Lois, hug after the prosecution closed its case in court in Pretoria, South Africa, Tuesday. Pistorius, who is charged with the 2013 shooting death of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, is expected to testify at the end of the week. In a rare public comment, he said he's going through "a tough time." SIPHIWE SIBEKO, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allegations

Israeli minister facing sex scandal

Police on Tuesday questioned Silvan Shalom, a senior Israeli government minister and presumptive presidential candidate, over allegations he committed a sex offence against a former aide 15 years ago — a charge that may not hold up in court but that could derail any hopes for the presidency.

The former aide alleged she was coerced to perform a sex act on Shalom.

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Animal Planet's Wild Recon

Ex-host sentenced for trying to sell endangered lizards

The former host of Animal Planet's Wild Recon, Donald Schultz, has been sentenced to two years' probation and 200 hours of community service after admitting to trying to sell two endangered lizards without a permit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You're not alone, Winnipeg.

East Coast facing spring storm of snow, high winds and flooding

Atlantic Canada is bracing for a spring storm that could dump more than a foot of snow, bring wind gusts of more than 100 kilometres per hour and storm surges that could damage docks and coastal properties.

Environment Canada forecaster Tracey Talbot said the storm will begin early Wednesday morning in southern Nova Scotia and track across the region through the day. 50 to 80 centimetres higher than normal, with strong waves driving the sea into

"That is definitely something we have to keep an eye on, especially if it coincides with high tides," Talbot said Tuesday.

"With the storm surge we're expecting, we could see some flooding and some local infrastructure damage." ... that are living alone or are elderly or needing some support, make sure you keep in touch with them to ensure that everyone weathers the storm."

Up to 40 centimetres of snow is expected to fall in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and southern New Brunswick, she said.

Prince Edward Island is expected to see particularly powerful gusts, with winds expected to reach 110 km/h.

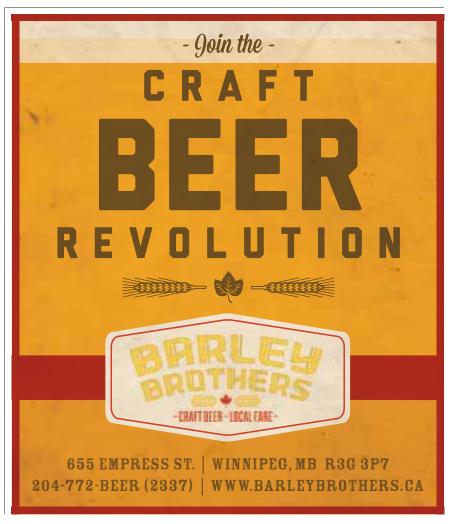
The province's Office of Public Safety is advising Islanders to prepare for the possibility of power disruptions.

"Snow and ice buildup on tree branches, rooftops and utility lines can lead to dangerous conditions with breaking branches, downed utility lines and possibly power outages," the office said in a news release.

The storm is expected to continue in the late afternoon and early evening into southern Newfoundland, where winds will also be intense but less snow is forecast.

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Despite inadequate funding, limited access to technology and outdated learning materials, some students attending school on First Nations reserves are hopeful about their

One of them is Grade 9 student Payton Daniels. Sitting in the library of the Sturgeon Lake Central School on Saskatchewan's Sturgeon Lake First Nation, the 15-year-old fiddles with her hands as she talks about her future goals.

"I want to go to university and become a veterinarian, she says. "I think I can do that with the education here.'

With Prince Albert only about 40 minutes away, a number of students have been leaving Sturgeon Lake for opportunities in the city. But that option doesn't interest her.

"Here, I can actually learn about ... my native culture," Daniels says. "Our generation, we lost a lot of our culture.... I really want to get my culture back, and I've started beading, and I'm trying to learn

If she graduates, she'll be among the minority of onreserve First Nations students.

A 2011 report from Canada's auditor general found the education gap between First Nations and the rest of the population is growing even wider — a trend the federal government is trying to reverse.

The almost \$2 billion in promised funding is welcome news, but for many young people, like Grade 12 student Patrick Ermine, it will come

"I'm actually known here at the school for being an artist, but there aren't any art classes," says Ermine, 18, who aspires to be a tattoo artist.

While Ermine and Daniels are hopeful about their future, Joanne Berg, a resource teacher at the school, remains worried that a lack of access to modern technology and resources will hurt students in the long run.

"When they choose to go off to university, and their profs are not looking at where they come from, they expect everybody to be able to go and research essays, and find their textbooks," she says.

"They just don't have that ability. We find the kids that are leaving and going off to university are coming back home because they don't know how to access those re-

"I'm actually known here at the school for being an artist, but there aren't any art classes."

Patrick Ermine, 18, at Sturgeon Lake Central School

"I want to go to university and become a veterinarian. I think I can do that with the education here."

Payton Daniels, 15, at Sturgeon Lake Central School



Students Learning with Learning to the federal government is planning to invest nearly \$2 billion into the neglected system and give communities more control over their own education. Metro travelled to two on-reserve schools to document their condition, the details of the plan and why many people say the

condition, the details of the plan and why many people say the proposed changes may be their kids' last chance.



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For administrators at on-reserve schools, every day is a juggling act.

'It's a constant struggle finding enough money for everything," says Pauline McKay, director and principal of the Sturgeon Lake Central School, which serves the Sturgeon Lake First Nation about 55 kilometres northwest of Prince Albert,

But many are optimistic that the years ahead will be different.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is promising \$1.9 billion over seven years in the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. The funding is set to kick in next

"We have one phys-ed teacher for all of our 500 kids," says McKay, providing an example of the chronic shortages. "There's always a lack of staff."

In most of the country, First Nations education is funded through the federal government, whereas mainstream public schools receive funding through the

McKay said that Sturgeon Lake gets \$6,500 per student per year. By comparison, the provincial government provided more than \$10,000 per student to public and Catholic divisions in the North Battleford, Sask., area, and around \$17,000 to the French board, according to a 2013 study from educational consultant R. J. Kowalchuk.

That discrepancy results in fewer course offerings.

McKay envies how provincial schools are able to enjoy such luxuries as drama and music classes.

"For extras, we have phys-ed and we've got Cree," McKay says. "That's it."

All this hasn't stopped McKay and others at the school from trying to produce graduates out of children deprived of resources. McKay designed her own schedule so students can focus their efforts on one course at a time each month.

At James Smith Cree Nation, roughly 65 kilometres from Prince Albert, the situation is even worse.

Marlene Nicholls, principal of Bernard Constant Community School, says her administration ends up with just \$4,340 per student. Staff can't even afford to call in

"This year we weren't able to hire substitute teachers," she says.

During the five-plus years Nicholls has been with the school, she hasn't once been able to purchase a new vehicle. Luckily, she has a retention worker who can double as a mechanic.

"In the public school system, you have to have (your vehicles) inspected," she says. "We try our best to adhere to those rules and policies, but there's no money for that."

What Nicholls does have is a retention worker and a community liaison to keep tabs on troubled students.

"If a teacher says, 'This kid is missing,' then they go and find out what's happening," she says. "They also have some training in addic-



CATCHING DREAMS

Day 1: the Problem
Day 2: the Plan

Day 3: the Promise

On the web **Gallery.** Outdated and in disrepair

Each of these social workers earns only \$19,000 a vear.

The new Conservative initiative for First Nations education is expected to start injecting increased funding in 2015. So the question for those on the ground is not only whether it will be enough, but also whether it will be soon enough.

"I don't think people really believe what it's like in the reserve," McKay says.

Public and Catholic schools in North Battleford area ~\$10,000

Bernard Constant Community School in James Smith Cree Nation \$4,340

Visit metronews.ca to take a closer look at some of the conditions that exist in the First Nations schools of Saskatchewan.

Timetable. The basics — just the basics

Principal Pauline McKay of the Sturgeon Lake Central School designed her own schedule so students can focus their efforts on one course at a time each month. Visit metronews.ca to see the meagre timetable.

Hope he's good with names ...

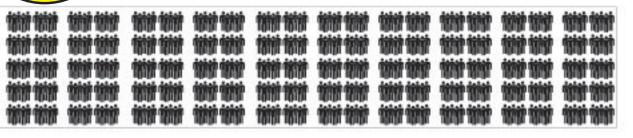
Sturgeon Lake Central has just one phys-ed teacher for its 500 students.



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Low-cost subsidiary. Air Canada applies more Rouge in a cost makeover

Air Canada is trying to fur-ther cut costs by expanding low-cost subsidiary Rouge in Western Canada and using it to replace its regular service on some U.S. routes from Vancouver and Calgary.

Air Canada said Tuesday that Rouge will begin daily flights at the end of April to Las Vegas from Calgary and Vancouver.

It will be followed with service to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Anchorage, Alaska, a key port for cruise ships. Seasonal service from Vancouver and Calgary to Phoenix will begin next December.

Air Canada chief commercial officer Ben Smith said the expansion of Rouge and the addition of new aircraft are a "key element of our strategy for sustainable, profitable growth at both

"Air Canada Rouge is best

The Montreal-based airline is expecting to cut \$100 million in costs — a 15 per cent reduction in costs per available seat mile over five years by adding new Boeing 777s, 787 Dreamliners and expanding Rouge

suited to compete more cost effectively in these markets where there is both a high leisure travel demand and low-cost competition," stated in a news release.

The airline is using Rouge to lower costs by filling planes with more passengers and paying workers less than on the main network.

Smith said it may add other destinations to Rouge as Air Canada receives delivery of new airplanes allowing its existing Airbus A319s and Boeing 767s to be transferred to the low-cost subsidiary. The canadian press

Waterloo, Ont.

BlackBerry aims to cash in on BBM

BlackBerry is about to launch an update to its popular BlackBerry Messenger chat service that it hopes will rake in some extra coin.

The technology firm is looking to generate revenue with its BBM app through sponsorships with brand names and by launching a new BBM Shop.

BBM has grown to more than 85 million users since it became available to iPhones and Android devices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Some ebook(glow)worms to get account credits

Maarten Heilbron of Toronto reads an ebook on his iPad while his wife, Kim, reads on a Kobo Touch. Buyers of ebooks will get account credits this week from five publishers — Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, Penguin Group and Holtzbrinck doing business as Macmillan — who reached settlements after states alleged they colluded to raise prices, New York's attorney general said Tuesday. Text: The associated prices; Photo: RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Northwest Passage dream dead for now

You're enjoying your

day ... Everything's going your way when along comes Lisa Raitt to tell you there'll be no Arctic shortcut soon

The centuries-old dream of shipping through the Northwest Passage will remain mostly illusory for the foreseeable future, Canada's transport minister indicated Tuesday in a blunt assessment of the challenges ahead.

During an appearance in Washington, Lisa Raitt played down expectations that the



Arctic is on the cusp of becoming an international shipping hub because of climate

She offered a list of concerns she's heard from the

shipping industry, including from insurance compan-— the ones Raitt said are really calling the shots when it comes to what's allowed to pass through the area.

The obstacles include shallow passes and a lack of navigational markers, she said. The prospect of having a shipment stuck up there would wipe out any potential time-savings offered by the shorter intercontinental route.

And then there's the frightening prospect of oil spills.

"I don't see it happening right now," Raitt said in a lengthy, freewheeling question-and-answer session at the Canadian American Business Council. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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READING, WRITING AND ARRR

Math problem!

Little Johnny has 37 candies and wants to divide them evenly among his five buddies, leaving an equal number for himself. How many candies does each of the boys get?

Answer: Little Johnny hasn't the faintest

He and his friends take the "discovery" method of mathematics at school, where they don't learn the answer but are taught techniques for getting to the answer some day.

So they don't know much about division or fractions. Nor, for that matter, multiplication tables, adding and subtracting from columns of numbers or any of that other boring stuff

Go figure.

If you don't learn the fundamentals of math, you're in over your head the moment you encounter algebra. And if you don't master algebra, the door is barred to careers in engineering, science, medicine, IT, etc.



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan

Math problem indeed!

I suppose you could get an English degree, but you'd have to learn how to spell. Although the way things are going these days, that may not be necessary.

This is not just idle speculation from the back-to-basics crowd. You know: those flinty fundamentalists who walked 10 kilometres to school uphill both ways in a snowstorm and liked it. Canadian math students have dropped out of the top 10 in international math scores. We're number 13!

And in the latest round of tests, only 16 per cent of Canadian students scored at "high achieving levels," compared to 30 per cent of Asian students.

That sound you hear? That's Canada's future going into the ditch on the road to progress.

Things are so bad even parents are starting to notice. The province of Alberta has drawn back from the "discovery" method after receiving a petition from more than 11,700

people who want their kids to be able to count. And Manitoba has reintroduced math drills back into the classroom, while trying to wean kids from kindergarten to Grade 3 off calculators. Ontario is sticking to the discovery course. Why fix it if it doesn't work in the first place?

Right now, you're probably going: "Who needs math?" Well, you do. Every day: at work, on the family finances, trying to convert U.S. gas prices to Canadian litres and dollars (which require advanced calculus), figuring out what to buy at the hardware store or how much to tip the waiter (although many restaurants are pleased to do the calculation for you).

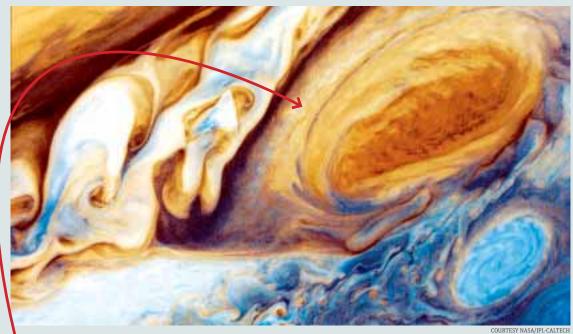
You're at the mercy of the bad old world unless you know how to figure, and for that you need multiplication tables or long division. And unless you do something and soon, your kids will suck at math even worse than you do.

Just think, if little Johnny knows how to divide, he'll successfully divvy up the candies into lots of six with one left over. And he gets to keep that one.

His friends can't count, so they'll never "discover" what

ZOOM

Jupiter paints a pretty picture



Artistic photo of Great Red Spot

It appears to be a canvas painted with Vincent van Gogh's colourful swirls in mind — but this is in fact a photo of Jupiter's Great Red Spot, captured by NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft. The Great Red Spot, the most conspicuous feature of Jupiter's cloud surface, is an atmospheric storm that has been raging in the planet's

Southern Hemisphere for at least 400 years.

In 1979, Voyager zoomed toward Jupiter, capturing hundreds of images during its approach. The observations revealed many features of the planet's surface that are still being explored today. This particular view was only recently assembled from three black and white negatives by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. METRO

Storm's mystery

- Size. 20,000 kilometres long and 12,000 kilometres wide, 3.5 times the size of Earth.
- Mystery. Scientists remain baffled why the storm does not dissipate. Their best explanation is the storm gains energy by swallowing smaller vortices in Jupiter's jet streams.



Clickbait



The latest in a series of Internet memes-to-book crazes is dog shaming: pictures of downtrodden dogs posing with notes outlining what they ate, chewed or pooped on. However, like

most Internet memes, dog shaming has spawned a series of spinoffs — even baby shaming.

DogShaming.com:

The original site is still one of the best. You can also follow Pascale Lemire on Twitter @dogshaming.

Cat-Shaming:

Not content to let dogs have even a slice of online infamy, the Internet's reigning animal was one of the first to jump on the shaming bandwagon. Tumblr is rife with cat-shaming pics, many of which are col-

Twitter

@metropicks asked: School boards are teaching responsible tweeting. What lesson would you teach kids who use social media?

@andiwrongwolf: I would teach them that their tweets along with any worldly doings are ultimately meaningless due to their unshakeable mortality

@sassypants81: Never use your real name. - Not Alana Beck

@EvanPetrie17: Don't hide behind anonymity. It's cowardly.

@Canucklehead_ca: RULE #1: Do as I say, not as I do.

lected at cat-shaming.tumblr.com.

Horse-Shaming.com: For the irrepressible equine in your life.

Pinterest:

No matter what your preferred genre of shaming is, Pinterest has you covered. The photo-sharing site has plenty of shaming content, but is a particular hotbed of baby shaming.

@ljorche: Tweet as if your Grandparents will be reading it.

@artsyTrish: Ignore the trolls. Do not engage in argument just because you are not face to face. Respect others.

@HanahBissell: everything is public and can never be deleted. Even if its "private" or "removed" Bad tweets at 16 can haunt you.

@reachstacey: they do not understand how swearing and vulgarity will come back to haunt them by employers-they don't care

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Crowe blockbuster latest in a flood of Noah movies

Story ark. Bible tale formerly featured in Disney films and doc



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According to Genesis, God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them."

Noah, a righteous man, was commanded to build an ark and stock it with "two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive."

For 40 days and 40 nights Noah, his family and precious cargo withstood a flood so severe it submerged the tops of mountains until "every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out."

Once the flooding stopped and the Earth dried, God commanded Noah to come out of the ark and release the animals, "so they can multiply on the Earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."

The story of Noah's ark and the flood is one of mankind's most famous tales and Hollywood has retold it a number of times.

This weekend Russell Crowe plays the title role in Noah, co-starring Jennifer Connelly, Anthony Hopkins and Emma Watson. Director Darren Aronofsky says he has been obsessed with the story since he was 13, calling it "the first apocalypse story." Nonetheless, he has added his own spin to the tale.

Russell Crowe stars in Noah, directed by Darren Aronofsky, co

"When we first started working on the project, we were very clear not to have sandals and robes and long white beards," he told Rolling Stone. "The first thing I said to Russell Crowe was, 'I'll never shoot you on a houseboat with two giraffes standing behind you."

More traditional are two Disney short films. Father Noah's Ark is a 1933 "Silly Symphony" for children that tells the narrative in song. Lively animation shows how the animals may have helped build the ship and why skunks almost didn't make it on board.

In 1959 Disney released the twenty-minute Noah's Ark, their first stop-motion animated film. A jazzy score accompanies equally jazzy animation as pencils, pipe cleaners and other household items are inventively used to create the animals.

Shooting the flood scene in the 1928 version of Noah's Ark endangered the life of a future Hollywood icon. John An untraditional Noah

"When we first started working on the project, we were very clear not to have sandals and robes and long white beards."

Darren Aronofsky, director of Noah

Wayne was a swimmer in the famous scene, and emerged unhurt, but other weren't so lucky. Three extras drowned and a dozen others suffered broken limbs.

Finally, a 1977 documentary claims to shed some light on the real story. In Search

of Noah's Ark is an investigation into the speculation that Turkey's Mt. Ararat in is the landing place of Noah's Ark. "This may be the most incredible film you will ever see," says narrator Brad Crandall, "but the facts that will be presented are true."

Wahlberg and Bay transform franchise



Mark Wahlberg, star of the upcoming Transformers: Age of Extinction, is promising the fourth installment of the Michael Bay-directed franchise will be a huge hit.

"For moviegoers all over the world, I guarantee this will take it up a notch." Wahlberg said Monday at the annual movie theatre convention CinemaCon.

Paramount vice chairman Rob Moore said Bay was hesitant to return to the franchise until they were able to zero in on the right story and cast that would capture his imagination.

"Michael promised me it would be a very different, stand-alone movie, which it absolutely is," said Wahlberg. "It is bigger and better than the other three (films) combined. This will be the biggest movie of 2014."

In the action film, Wahlberg, who re-teams with Bay after last year's Pain and Gain, plays Cade Yeager, an automobile mechanic who discovers a rundown truck, which is really a transformer. Soon,

he's the target of Autobots, Decepticons and the government.

With a series of Transformers films, which featured a consistent cast including Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel and Tyrese Gibson, Wahlberg admitted he's feeling the pressure of stepping into the shoes of the other actors.

But he says he "had to jump at the opportunity because I really feel like it is probably the most iconic franchise in movie history." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Taylor Swift GETTY IMAGES

Swift gets restraining order against stalker

A judge has granted Taylor Swift a three-year restraining order against a man who has threatened the singer's family.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Carol Boas Goodson granted Swift a protective order from Timothy Sweet, who has expressed his belief that he is married to the Grammy winner.

Swift was granted a temporary restraining order against Sweet on March 3. Swift's filing states Sweet has sent messages threatening to harm Swift's family or anyone who interferes with his perceived relationship with the entertainer. The singer wrote in a sworn declaration that she fears for her safety in public and at home.

Court filings state Sweet has sent threatening messages online and went to Swift's Beverly Hills home in February. The order also covers Swift's parents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Flavor Flav getty images

N.Y.'s Public Enemy? Flavor Flav back in court

Entertainer Flavor Flav must return to New York at least one more time to answer charges stemming from his arrest as he raced to his mother's funeral.

Police say the rapper and reality TV star was speeding and driving without a licence, a felony, on Jan. 9 on the Meadowbrook Parkway on Long Island.

Flav, whose real name is William Drayton, told reporters as he entered a Nassau County courtroom Tuesday that he hoped to resolve the CASE. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Nick Cannon appeared on Instagram in gleeful whiteface to promote his upcoming album, White People Party Music. INSTAGRAM

Nick Cannon dons whiteface

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White people, let's agree to be mature about this one.

Yes, that's Nick Cannon up there. Yes, he's donned what might be termed "whiteface." Yes, he adorned the Instagram pic with the caption, "It's official... I'm White!!! #WHITEPEOPLEPARTYMUS-IC #Wppm in stores April 1st!!!!!Dude Go Get It!!Join The Party!!!! #GoodCredit #DogKissing #BeerPong #FarmersMarkets #Fist-Pumping #CreamCheeseEating #RacialDraft "Bro I got drafted!!"

So what led Mr. Mariah Carey to dress up as a ginger bro, looking like he's having the time of his life? He's promoting his upcoming album, White People Party Music. However, some of the Internet is writhing under the sting

of what it perceives as Cannon's brutal racism. "Why is it considered humour when a black person paints their face white but when a white person paints their face black, it's racism? I don't care what justification anyone has for it. The action is still the same and people have the right to feel violated by @nickcannon actions," İnstagram user c_n_v commented, adding, "The movie White Chicks was not meant to make fun of a race but instead two undercover cops doing their job."

All right, I may be in the minority on this one, but I think it's fine. Blackface is offensive because minstrel shows were part of the systematic oppression of African-Americans for hundreds of years. White people have never been systematically oppressed by black people. No, not even two days ago, when Nick Cannon dressed up as your cousin Colin.

The movie White Chicks, though, was a bridge too far.



After 11 years, Gwyneth and Chris call it quits

It appears things have gone cold in the Paltrow-Martin household. After months of speculation, Gwyneth Paltrow confirmed on her website, Goop, that she and Coldplay singer Chris Martin are calling it quits.

"It is with hearts full of sadness that we have decided to separate," she writes. "We have been working hard for well over a year, some of it together, some of it separated, to see what might have been possible between us, and we have come to the conclusion that while we love each other very much we will remain separate."

Paltrow and Martin married 11 years ago and have two children, Apple, 9, and Moses, 7. METRO WORLD NEWS





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Machu Picchu three ways

A trip to the ancient citadel in Peru's Cusco region, 2,430 metres above sea level, tops many bucket lists. The beauty of the 15th-century site becomes even more awe-inspiring when you take in the surrounding Andean peaks and the Vilcanota-Urubamba River. Whether you're a thrill-seeker, an eco aficionado or a connoisseur, there's something for everyone on the trail to the icon of Inca civilization.

MORGAN DUNLOP



Loki Hostel's action-packed tours are a great way to bond with other fun-loving travellers. Morgan Dunlop/for Metro

For the thrill-seeker

Party every night with travellers from around the world at the Loki Hostel in Cusco city (beds from \$8). Named after the Scandinavian god of mischief, this former Spanish colonial home fell into disrepair before four friends set out to turn it into the go-to social spot for fun-loving travellers looking to bond over copious amounts of alcohol. After sharing a row of fiery blood bombs — a shot of vodka mixed with grenadine, lit on fire and plunged into a half-glass of Red Bull you may decide to head on a trek to Machu Picchu together. The hostel's most actionpacked tour leaves you at Machu Picchu after four days of hiking, white- water rafting, mountain biking and zip-lining. Make sure to hike the higher Huayna Picchu for a vertical climb that leads to a stunning view of the site. Before you leave Cusco, dine like a local at the San Pedro market. Expect to be pleasantly ignored and served authentic, inexpensive food, like barbecued guinea pig and alpaca. Try not to be too hungover when you pass the pungent entrails aisle. Visit lokihostel.com/cusco; also see the Loki Travel section of the site for tour information.

For the eco aficionado

Warm your feet by a crackling fire in your Andean-village inspired whitewashed casita at the Inka Terra Machu Picchu hotel (rooms from about \$440). A 30-minute bus ride from Machu Picchu, this property lies in the Andean cloud forest — a lush ecosystem at the intersection of the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Towering mountains on either side provide fresh drinking water and fill the hotel's pool and hot tubs. The grounds are home to fruit and vegetable gardens, a tea plantation and 372 orchid species, as well as a diverse hummingbird population and several rescued Andean spectacled bears the hotel hopes to reintroduce to the wild. Take a day trip to Awana Kancha to see the life cycle of the garments you see at local markets. Feed llamas and alpacas while watching as women from local communities spin their fibres, dye the wool with various herbs, barks and minerals and weave them into intricate vibrant designs. Visit inkaterra. com and awanakancha.com/en.





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Soak in the luxury at Palacio Nazarenas, PALACIO NAZARENAS

For the connoisseur

Sip a Pisco Sour prepared by your butler as you adapt to the altitude in Cusco's luxury hotel, Palacio Nazarenas (rooms from about \$610). Oxygen-enriched rooms and aromatherapy pillows, stuffed with peppermint, coca leaves, sage and flower petals, help ease the transition to 3,400 metres, about 1,000 metres higher than Machu Picchu. A five-minute walk from the main square, this property features modern comforts with historic charm. Board the Belmond Hiram Bingham train (return trip from about \$885), named after the archaeologist credited with introducing the West to Machu Picchu. Sip complimentary mimosas as you travel through the ever-changing scenery from Cusco city to Machu Picchu. Arrive at Machu Picchu rested and refreshed for a hike with one of the train's knowledgeable guides. Don't leave Peru without the Inca royalty treasure vicuña. Considered one of the softest, lightest and warmest animal fibres in the world, Kuna's vicuña shawl is sheared only from protected wild live animals (\$2,250 US). Visit palacionazarenas.com; belmond.com; and kuna.com.pe/en/natural_fibers/vicuna.











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Get out under the stars

Learn to Camp. Parks Canada program aims to teach Canadians how to use their own backyard



ON THE MOVE

Spring is finally here and Parks Canada wants you to start planning a trip to its national parks and historic sites across the country. I chatted with Julie Lefebvre from the Visitor Experience Branch about the Learn to Camp program that's aiming to fill the parks this summer.

What is the Learn to Camp

We're organizing weekends to teach people the basics of camping. We're looking to help people who have no experience camping and don't know about our national parks or historic sites.

When they register we provide them with equipment such as a tent and sleeping pads through our partner Mountain Equipment Co-op. The Parks Canada and MEC staff run workshops through the weekend and teach them about how to set up a tent, cook around a camp and review all the equipment to bring. We even sing songs around the campfire. The idea is they get the skills to come on their own next time.

Where and when will these weekends be happening?

June 20 and 21 is the launch date and last Learn to Camp is end of September. There are about 20 places that are going to run the program across the country — mainly in national parks, but there are some historic sites as well.

A few places, like Rouge National Ûrban Park in Toronto, will do several Learn to Camp weekends throughout the summer but mainly it's once. Several locations will also provide buses from downtown locations to assist in getting everyone to the campsite.

How do people register?

They can call the Parks Canada call centre. You cannot do it online, but the websitepc.gc.ca does contain all the information on dates and locations.

The registration opens on April 18. It is first come, first serve, so call as soon as it opens. Cost varies depending on location.

Is there a new program this summer?

Yes, Equipped Campsite. There are nine or 10 locations across the country including Banff National Park and Cape Breton Island that will be renting camping equipment. This is for people who don't have equipment and loved the Learn to Camp program in summers past. People who now feel confident to go on their own with their families.

Why are these programs so important?

They connect people with nature and give them a great opportunity to have a typical Canadian experience.

Bucket List

Hassle-free family adventure

Parents want holidays to be as much of a no-brainer as possible. Vacation operator Trafalgar to the rescue. It has a Family Experiences division, where all the fun gets curated for children, parents and grandparents, with

holidays in Canada, the U.S., Europe, South America and South Africa. Benefits include pre-planned itineraries, a chaperone to give you the insider treatment and smooth over language barriers, and full cultural experiences you couldn't possibly arrange yourself, particularly in a foreign country. Check out trafalgar.com.

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How to persist without pestering

Communicate with care. Learn to assert yourself pleasantly, without being pushy, in every work situation

VICKI SALEMI

Whether you're looking for a new job or focused on securing a stellar upgrade to your current role, there's always a dance to manoeuvre — a fine line between being assertive versus over the top. Here are several pointers to help you stand your ground and tactfully move things forward.

When you're interviewing for a job and haven't heard

You've interviewed, met several people and — bam! Radio silence. Assuming you've already sent thank you notes, email your recruiter and hiring manager one week later. Reiterate how nice it was meeting them



We get it: You're excited about this new prospect ... But bombarding a potential employer with calls is not going to pay off when it's time for them to select a cool, calm candidate. ISTOCK

and reinforce your interest. It's tricky, because you're straddling persistence and stalker vibes. Daily emails are not recommended. Once a week or every two weeks is fine. Don't appear desperate.

Keep it succinct and, when you hit "Send," say to yourself, "They need me more than I need them." Retain your power.

When they owe you money

Let's say you're a freelance graphic designer. You created a sparkling new website for a client and anticipate getting paid in a reasonable time-

cates payment in 30 days and that time has elapsed, it's time to follow up. Keep in mind they're on your side and probably want to continue working with you. There may be a delay in accounting that's out of their hands. Send an email and follow up with a phone call; be persistent every two to three weeks along the lines of, "I know you're busy and I don't want to be a pest, but it's been two months since I completed the site. Is there someone else I should contact to expedite payment?"

When you're applying for a job and haven't heard back

If you've applied for a job online, your resumé is now among hundreds of others in the system, so don't expect to hear back. However, if you have an internal connection and haven't heard back, send an email: "Just wanted to stay top-of-mind. Would you be so kind as to check my candidacy status?" And ask them to connect you to the

Drop them a line

When it's been a long time since you corresponded

- If you've made a fantastic connection on LinkedIn and haven't kept that relationship alive, it's never too late to rekindle it.
- Reach out through the site and ask if they're available to catch up over a phone call or a cup of coffee. Or ping them via email or Twitter with a relevant article (it doesn't have to be work-related.) It could be a vacation spot they mentioned, with a note: "Thinking of you enjoy! Hope to catch up soon."

recruiter. It's not a bad idea to call, so they put a voice to your name.

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A match made in meat heaven

Bacon-Wrapped Meatloaf. The smoky undertones of the bacon make a mouthwatering addition to this classic dish



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From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

Frying up bacon and enjoying it on its own is wonderful. Adding it to soups, salads and sandwiches is also a great way to enjoy its flavour.

I decided to make my son's favourite meal (meatloaf) and one of his favourite meats (bacon), and put

them together. When I excitedly told him that I combined his two favourites and that it would be amazing, he just looked at me and asked, "Why didn't you just make regular meatloaf?"

He was pleasantly surprised to taste the dish, with the bacon flavour adding smokiness and a delicious crisp texture to the meat-

Truly, this was to be a perfect match!

A side of creamy mashed potatoes to go alongside each slice of this free-form meatloaf made for a lipsmacking dinner.

This recipe really should serve eight. It served five of us with a few slices for leftovers. Tucked into a soft kaiser bun and warmed through with a sprinkling of cheese, those leftovers made lunch delectable the next day.

1. In a nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook leek, garlic, thyme and pepper, stirring for about eight minutes or until softened. Scrape into large bowl;



let cool slightly.

2. Stir in eggs until combined. Add bread crumbs, cheese, milk, ketchup and Worcestershire; stir until well combined. Add veal and pork and using hands mix well until combined.

3. On a parchment paper lined baking sheet shape mixture into a 9 x 5 inch (23 x 13 cm) loaf. Lay bacon slices on a diagonal across the meatloaf, trimming strips as necessary to cover the top and sides completely.

4. Bake in 375 F (190 C) oven for about 1 hour and 10 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted in centre reaches 160 F (70 C).

5. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing into about 1-inch (2.5 cm) slices.

Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 leek, white and light green part only, thinly sliced • 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) fresh ground
- black pepper
- 2 eggs 1 cup (250 ml) seasoned dry

bread crumbs

- 1/3 cup (75 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) milk
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) ketchup
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire
- 1 lb (500 g) each ground veal and ground pork
- ' 10 slices side bacon



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Royal Canoe builds believers

Road to the Junos. Today a growing fan base are believers in the Winnipeg indie-rock sextet



The last five months have been quite a whirlwind for Winnipeg's Royal Canoe.

With critical acclaim, international tour dates - and now a Juno Award nomination for alternative album of the year — all falling into place since the release of the band's debut album, Today We're Believers, last September, the current certainly seems to be going the

"You never really know, when you put something out into the world, how people are going to react to it or receive it.... It's been really awesome," said singer and guitarist Bucky Driedger over the phone from Austin, Texas, last week where the indie-rock sextet played at South By Southwest. "It's definitely opened a lot of doors."

Formed by ex-Waking Eyes member Matt Peters in 2006, the band - including Matt Schellenberg (who previously played with Driedger in the Liptonians), Michael Jordan, and Brendan Berg and Derek Allard (formerly of Tele) — spent roughly three years working on Today We're Believers.

"I think it took that long to figure out what we were go-ing to sound like," explained Driedger. "For example, we use a combination of electronic and acoustic percussion and drums, and that was one thing we stumbled upon early.

"Even though the songs we wrote while we stumbled upon it weren't our favourites, that was a piece we took into the next step in the process.

The results of all the studio are well-orchestrated songs loaded with haunting vocal-effects, pitch shifting and hip-hop style layers and loops, which, amazingly, the band recreates live without backup tracks during performances.

"We have lots of nerdy gear on stage," laughed Driedger. "Often times I think people hear the record and are intrigued, but when they see it live, that's when it kind of

While in Winnipeg for the Junos, Royal Canoe will join İmaginary Cities, Nathan Music Co., and The Lytics for three shows with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the Centennial Concert Hall March 28-30.

'Marie-Claude, you're nominated!'

Une surprise.

Singer/songwriter gets Juno nod for her en Français kids album



BERNICE PONTANILLA

A Winnipeg singer/songwriter said she was only aiming for some exposure when she submitted her children's album to the Junos.

Instead she received a

nomination for her first solo effort and will proudly be attending the awards extravaganza in her own city.

"The Junos are always super exciting, but even more so now that they are in Winnipeg, in our hometown," said Marie-Claude McDonald, who lives in St. Boniface and works as an arts education coordinator for the Franco-Mani-

Marie-Claude McDonald is participating in the Junior Junos event, which features all five of the children's album of the year nominees, from 9:30 a.m. to noon on March 29 at the Manitoba Children's Museum. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.

tobaine school division.

"When I submitted my album, I was just hoping that new ears would hear it in the jury and just to get it out

McDonald's "Mon coffret à surprises," my box of surprises in English, garnered a nomination in the Juno's children's album of the year category and is the only one en Français.

"I knew it was a majority English category, so as a French artist I wasn't expecting necessarily to be nominated," she said, adding she found out about the nomination in a special way.

"I was at the Cercle Molière (theatre company) working with my colleagues, and the communications person there was reading her tweets that morning and she goes, 'Marie-Claude, you're nominated!"

McDonald said her album was a family affair: Her brother contributed in the writing of one song and her two daughters, aged seven and four, were always the first to hear her ideas and provide feedback.

"It was based around human interaction and wanting kids and families to really come together, 'cause we're so plugged into our technology these days," she said.

"We disconnect so much, so for me it was important to do an album that encouraged games and activities."

ENTER TO WIN



Winnipeg's Marie-Claude McDonald said she's excited about her first Juno nomination, and about seeing artists like



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Familiar faces fill Juno award fête



But do they have a choice? Among the few newbies are Tegan and Sara, Matt Mays and Walk Off the Earth

In recent years, Vancouver pop outfit Hedley performing at the Juno Awards has felt as much like a spring TV tradition as sweeps-week rating stunts or Duke choking in the NCAA basketball tournament.

The radio-ruling balladeers have performed at three of the past six Juno Awards telecasts while presenting an award at one of the other telecasts.

"People are going to start referring to us as the Juno house band," joked frontman Jacob Hoggard in a recent telephone interview.

Well, they're taking this year off. But viewers would be forgiven if this Sunday's awards coronation — broadcast on CTV and held at Winnipeg's MTS Centre — nevertheless prompted a sense of déià vu.

Over the past seven shows

(including this Sunday's), a core of seven artists will have performed 27 times total. Three of those oft-repeating artists — Classified, Serena Ryder and Johnny Reid — are actually hosting this year's bash, with Classified and Ryder set to open the festivities with a joint performance.

Sarah McLachlan will perform for the fourth time since 2009 while City and Colour's Dallas Green, another of the Juno mainstays, was also to put in his fourth performance since '09 before pulling out after failing to land a nomination.

And the other Juno repeater, Michael Buble, is getting a year off after hosting and performing at last year's celebration in Regina.

It's understandable, then, that some wonder whether the annual gala would benefit from diversifying.

But in separate interviews, Ryder and Classified both said that playing different songs each year, with a different look, means Juno fatigue is not an issue.

Hoggard, meanwhile, said

Quoted

"Every year I wonder, 'This time, can we light something on fire?"

Hedley frontman Jacob Hoggard

worries over viewer fatigue only motivate him further.

"Any time you're faced with repetition ... the creative side of you can't help but jump out," said Hoggard, who said he was "truly stoked" his band reeled in four nominations this year, including group and pop album of the year.

"Every year I wonder, 'This time, can we light something on fire?' I'll ask them every time if I can light my piano on fire."

Aside from Saskatoon shag-rockers the Sheepdogs — set to perform for the second year in a row — the remaining lineup does feature a range of newbies. Tegan and Sara, Matt Mays and Walk Off the Earth are among the acts set to perform at the Junos for the first time. THE CANADIAN PRESS







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Musicians turn storytellers of Canadian art



WAG spokesperson Debra Fehr looks at a video of Canadian musician Fred Penner explaining why he chose Homer Ransforc Watson's Near the Close of a Stormy Day as his favourite work of art for the Juno Tour of Canadian Art. shelley соок/гов метвс

Winnipeg Art Gallery. From now until May 19, WAG-goers can see pieces selected by musicians for Juno Tour

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It's an evocative way to blend music and art together.

Six Juno Award nominees and past winners took a tour through the Winnipeg Art Gallery to select their favourite piece in the gallery's Canadian collection.

Each musician then was recorded talking about the piece of artwork they selected and why they chose it. Their recording can be found on an iPod screen next to their chosen piece.

"Each musician found a story in the artwork they connected with and made it their own," said Debra Fehr, spokesperson for the WAG.

Weakerthans frontman John K. Samson chose Bertram Brooker's Sounds Assembling, a piece he remembered connecting with when he visited the art gallery in Grade 5 with his teacher.

"It's a perfect choice for integration of music and visual art," Fehr said of Samson's choice. "It's also a really important piece of artwork because it's one of the first abstracts done in Canada."

From now until May 19, WAG-goers can see the pieces selected by the musicians for the Juno Tour of Canadian Art displayed throughout the gallery

Winnipeg children's entertainer Fred Penner explained in detail why he chose Homer Ransford Watson's 1884 oil canvass Near the Close of a Stormy Day. Talking about the beaten path and the dark clouds, similar to ones seen on the prairies, Penner's connection to the painting is personal and captured eloquently on his two-minute video clip.

Other artists who shared their favourite works of art include Dean Brody, Monster Truck, Royal Canoe and the Pack A.D.

The videos can also be seen at junotv.ca.

Lineup confirmed

The finale: A tribute to BTO

The details for Sunday's 2014 Juno Awards broadcast have been finalized.

The show, which begins at 8 p.m., will open with a mash-up performance by hosts Classified and Serena Ryder, who will perform their hits Three Foot Tall and What I Wouldn't Do.

Tegan and Sara have also been added to the list of performers, singing their song Closer, accompanied by a choir comprised of fans from across North America.

The broadcast will close with a composition tribute to Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductees Bachman-Turner Overdrive. The Sheepdogs, Matt Mays, Tim Hicks and Travis Good will perform BTO's classic 1973 hits Let It Ride and Takin' Care of Business.

SHELLEY COOK/FOR METRO



NHL

Leafs' playoff bid takes another hit

Roaring cheers greeted the announcement of Jonathan Bernier as the Toronto Maple Leafs' starting goaltender. His return from a five-game absence due to injury was desperately needed amid a season-worst losing streak.

But the result was the same as recent efforts for the Leafs who surrendered their sixth straight, 5-3 to St. Louis on Tuesday night.

The loss dropped the Leafs out of a playoff spot for the first time since Jan. 14. The Canadian press

Curling

Homan's rink losing Kreviazuk

Rachel Homan's champion curling rink will have a different look next season.

Longtime second Alison Kreviazuk is leaving the Homan team next month after deciding to move to Sweden to be with her boyfriend. Joanne Courtney of Val Sweeting's rink will join Homan's next season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Luongo backstops Panthers past Sens

Vincent Trocheck and Brandon Pirri scored in a shootout to lift the Florida Panthers past the Ottawa Senators 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Trocheck also scored in regulation and Sean Bergenheim scored a goal for the Panthers. Roberto Luongo made 37 saves.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Laurent not fazed by bright lights of NFL

Football. Former McGill lineman knows nerves could derail Thursday's pre-draft workout

Laurent Duvernay-Tardif can't wait to strut his stuff Thursday.

The McGill Redmen offensive lineman will hold a private workout in Montreal for NFL and CFL scouts. And after spending much of the last four months preparing for the audition, the six-foot-five, 315-pound tackle is ready for it to finally happen.

"I don't know if I should say this but I just want to do it and be done with it," he said with a chuckle Tuesday via telephone. "I've been training since December for this.... For me, it's been so long.

"I felt a little stressed last weekend but I went on the field (Monday) where I'm going to hold my pro day and ran some very good times in my shuttle and three-cone so I think I'm ready."

The 23-year-old med student said he feels terrific right now but understands nerves and the pressure to perform could weigh heavily upon him at his pro day. If that happens, Duvernay-Tardif will take a rather philosophical approach to deal with the situation.

Duvernay-Tardif was able to control being well rested and fresh for his workout.

To ensure that, he took half of last week and all of this one off from his duties working the night shift at a Montreal hospital, expecting to return either Sunday or Monday.



The articulate native of St. Hilaire, Que., finished the season as the top-ranked prospect for this year's CFL draft, slated for May 13. But Duvernay-Tardif has also drawn plenty of NFL interest and is projected as a third- or fourth-round selection in this year's draft, which will be held May 8-10.

Not bad, considering Duvernay-Tardif began his college career as a 253-pound defensive lineman and only switched to offence in 2011. McGill also accommodated his heavy academic workload by reducing his practice commitments during football season.

But that didn't stop Duvernay-Tardif from twice earning All-Canadian honours and capturing the 2013 Metras trophy as Canadian university football's top lineman.

He was invited to participate in last weekend's CFL combine in Toronto but opted instead to focus on his pro day.

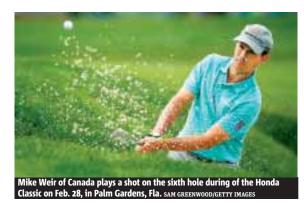
It's unclear how many scouts will attend Duvernay-Tardif's workout. Both the Arizona Cardinals and Buffalo Bills have said publicly they'll be there but some CFL teams are expected to take a miss because Duvernay-Tardif is likely to be go in the NFL draft and start his pro career there.

Regardless, Duvernay-Tardif's people are erring on the side of caution. "We agreed to prepare food for 50 people, I don't know what that means," Duvernay-Tardif said. "I've been told if we had 15 (NFL scouts) we'd be super happy and if we had 20, that would be incredible."

The scouting report on Duvernay-Tardif says he has the size, strength, athleticism, temperament and intelligence to play at the next level. However, there are concerns about his inexperience as an offensive lineman and having played a yard off the ball at Mc-Gill, prompting some scouts to question if Duvernay-Tardif can get into blocks quickly enough in the NFL.

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Weir not wearied by seven-year drought



It has been almost seven years since Canadian Mike Weir last won on the PGA Tour

He has battled injuries over the last few seasons and is trying to regain the form that saw him excel a decade ago. Weir has made the cut at only three events this year but feels his game is close to returning to form.

It's his short game — normally one of his strengths — that has cost him of late. Weir has been working hard to correct things as he prepares for

the two tournaments ahead of the Masters next month.

Weir is scheduled to play at the Valero Texas Open this week in San Antonio before heading to Humble, Tex., for the Shell Houston Open the following weekend. After that, the 2003 Masters champion will return to Augusta for the first major of the golf season.

Weir, 43, pulled out of an event in late January due to a "tweak" in his neck. He has been training hard in recent weeks and is feeling strong

and ready.

The native of Bright's Grove, Ont., beat Len Mattiace in a playoff back in 2003 to become the first Canadian-born men's player to win a major.

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Timing is everything

"You've got to put it all together at the right time — I'm just not doing that." Canadian golfer Mike Weir

reacting to his struggles on the PGA Tour

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Fitting Kane into the Jets' future flight plans



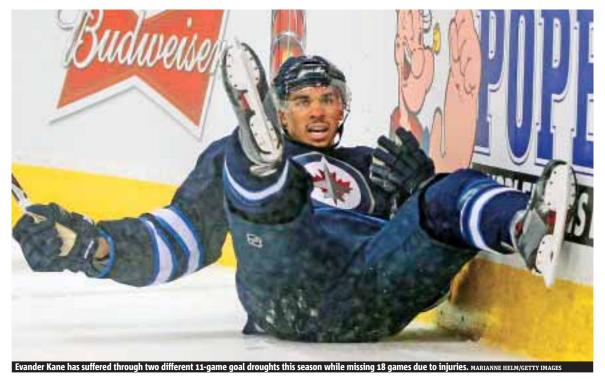
THE HOCKEY

Time to 'fess up, Jets: It's all but over. Nine games left and seven points out of a playoff spot, with one fewer game remaining than the team they're chasing, the Phoenix Coyotes. Oh, and two teams separating Winnipeg and Phoenix, one of which has two games in hand on Winnipeg. Yep, these Jets are grounded.

So instead of looking forward to playoff hockey, it's time to begin the postmortem. That means revisiting a player I've defended time and again: Evander Kane. What to do with this frustrating, talented, enigmatic power forward?

Kane busted out with 30 goals as a 20-year-old in 2011-12. In the two seasons since, however, his goals, assists and points per game have all declined. He's suffered through two different 11-game goal droughts this season and missed 18 games with a mixture of maladies, most recently a hand infection that stemmed from a previous

Kevin Cheveldayoff, assuming he's still in power as GM, has a difficult choice to make on Kane, preferably before draft day. If the glass is half empty, maybe it's time to cut bait on Kane. His production hasn't spiked noticeably under coach Paul Maurice and he's the only big-name Winni-



peg forward without any form of no-trade clause (excluding Mark Scheifele, who we know isn't going anywhere). With the pedigree of being the No. 4 overall pick in 2009 and having 97 career goals by age 22, he'll still net a significant return via trade. A first-round pick and solid prospect would be a realistic asking price.

If the glass is half full, we have to look at Tyler Seguin as a cautionary tale. The Boston Bruins gave up on their enigmatic elite prospect last sum-

Holding trade value

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mer when he was 21, shipping him to Dallas in a blockbuster trade. The swap netted Boston Loui Eriksson and Reilly Smith, but no one is patting Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli on the back. Seguin was tied for fourth in the league's scoring

race through Monday night's games. The Bruins made the mistake of putting too much stock into a talented player's attitude on and off the ice and not enough into his tremendous raw talent. Sound familiar, Jets fans?

The Kane situation is eerily similar if you equate Kane's talent to Šeguin's. But that's a big if. Even before being dealt, Seguin showed more promise than Kane, so Seguin was the riskier piece to move. It's possible Kane can't reach the same ceiling.

And that's the question the Jets must ask themselves this off-season: Will Kane deliver on his pedigree à la Seguin, or is it time to cash Kane in before he's slapped with a

NFL

Bills owner Wilson dies at 95

Ralph Wilson, the Buffalo Bills owner who helped found the American Football League in 1960 and played a key role in the merger with the NFL, died Tuesday. He was 95.

Wilson died at his home in Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., said Mary Mazur, spokeswoman for the Wayne County medical examiner's office. He had been receiving home

Wilson was the founder and sole owner of the Bills after establishing the team with the upstart AFL. He was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in

Wilson had been in failing health for several years after hip surgery in 2011. He was a regular at Bills home games since founding the franchise, but had not been there since going to one game in 2010.

Wilson was deemed the "conscience" of the NFL for his loyalty to fans and the stands he took against franchise relocation.

Wilson's one regret was the Bills' inability to win a Super Bowl.

They came close in the early 1990s, when the Mary Levy-coached and Jim Kelly-quarterbacked teams won four consecutive AFC championships from 1990-93, but lost each time.

The future of the team is now in the hands of Bills president Russ Brandon and Wilson's second-in-command, Bills treasurer Jeffrey Littmann.

For the meantime, the Bills are expected to be placed in a trust before eventually being sold. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Pirates plunder as Jays pitchers walk plank

Pitcher Wandy Rodriguez contributed a two-run homer and RBI single as the Pittsburgh Pirates got 29 hits Tuesday and routed the Toronto Blue Jays 22-5.

Starling Marte and Jose Tabata each homered and drove in four runs. Marte got five hits and Tabata had four. The Pirates finished with nine extra-base hits.

In his first at-bat of the spring, Rodriguez hit a fullcount fastball from J.A. Happ into the Pirates' bullpen in right field. Rodriguez added his single in an eight-run fourth inning.

Rodriguez made his final start of spring training, working 4 2/3 innings and allowing three runs on six hits and four walks.

Matt Tuiasosopo hit a solo home run for Toronto.

Happ did not help his bid to claim a job in Toronto's rotation. He faced 20 batters in three-plus innings and allowed seven runs and 12 hits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Stingy Santana leads Braves past Tigers

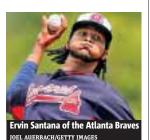
runs in three innings as the Atlanta Braves topped the Detroit Tigers 12-3 Tuesday.

Santana gave up four hits and struck out one in his second start since being signed by the Braves to a one-year, \$11-million deal on March 12.

Jason Heyward and Gerald Laird both homered for the Braves. Dan Uggla had two hits and two RBIs. Tigers starter Rick Porcello gave up six runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Miguel Cabrera raised his

Ervin Santana allowed two spring batting average to .378 with two hits.



Dion Waiters scored 24 points and Luol Deng added 19 as the Cleveland Cavaliers prevented

NBA. Cavs nearly cave but

survive to stave off Raps

Toronto from getting closer to a playoff spot with a 102-100 win over the Raptors on Tuesday night.

The Cavs blew a 21-point lead, but made enough plays down the stretch to snap a fivegame losing streak at home.

They did it without all-star point guard Kyrie Irving, who missed his fifth straight game with a strained biceps tendon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Get ready to go in the tough Tahoe

Review. It might be an SUV but it makes no apologies about being hardy and capable

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Honestly, when was the last time you heard the term "sport utility vehicle" bandied about? It likely has been a while, since not many are being made anymore. Still, there are a few hanging on, including the fullsize Tahoe and its super-size Suburban relation.

Hanging on? Actually, these rigs, with their ball-team seating capacities, are thriving where others have faded from sight or have been converted to gentler, more fuel-frugal carbased wagons. North American Tahoe/Suburban sales climbed more than 15 per cent for the 2013 model year and, according to General Motors, represented nearly half of all full-size sport utility vehicles sold. Add in healthy sales of the similar GMC Yukon and there's little left for the few remaining competitors. The 2015 Tahoe, arriving this spring, has undergone a complete transformation. What is clear is the separation between the Tahoe and the considerably bolder looking 2015 Yukon counterpart.

It's a different story on the inside where max stowage volume has actually decreased slightly, possibly because the third-row seats now fold flat for added capacity and are no longer removable. Other changes include a more fashionable dashboard and control



panel, complete with a five- or eight-inch touchscreens that control the infotainment and communications systems. A smaller secondary screen is located between the watch-style dash gauges that displays key info where the driver can easily view it.

The filing-cabinet-sized centre console can swallow a laptop computer and other bulky items. There are also storage areas beneath the door armrests plus a secure spot behind the touchscreen for holding cell phones and other small valuables. The Tahoe's body is attached to a stronger ladder frame that widens the distance between the wheels slightly for greater stability.

Mounted between the rails is a 5.3-litre V8 that produces 355 horsepower and healthy pound-feet of torque. Although displacement is the same as the previous base V8, the new 5.3 is all-aluminum employs and direct-injection (fuel force-fed into the cylinders under high pressure) continuously valve timing (alters valve lift/ duration to improve performance and economy). Despite a 45-kilogram drop in weight and improved aerodynamics, the Tahoe rates 14.9 1/100 km in the city and 10.1 on the highway, compared to a slightly better 14.3/9.4 rating for the 2014 model's 5.3 V8.

The engine can also run on four cylinders under steady-state cruising, which also saves gas. The transmission is a six-speed automatic with steering-wheel "TapShift" controls and a Tow/ Haul mode that holds the gear changes longer when trailering heavy loads (up to 3,640 kilograms). There's also auto Grade Braking, which downshifts the transmission to help slow the Tahoe when descending a hill.

This helps maintain vehicle control while ensuring the brakes don't overheat.

As per the 2014 version, the 2015 Tahoe is offered in LS, LT and LTZ flavours. Base models come with plenty of standard gear, with the mid- and topgrade trims piling on content such as keyless push-button entry, power-folding rear seat and start, magnetic ride control that constantly adjusts the dampers for a smoother ride.

Eighteen-inch wheels are standard with 20- and 22-inchers available at extra cost. On the safety front, along with the latest in crash-avoiding technologies, there's an available front-seat centre air bag.

It deploys (from the right side of the driver's seat) to prevent passengers from colliding with each other during a side impact. This key piece of technology addresses a weakness in current shoul-



Ford Expedition Base price: \$43,500



GMC Yukon **2**Base price: \$46,000

- Type. Four-door, rear-/fourwheel-drive full-size sport utility vehicle
- Engines (hp). 5.3-litre OHV
- Transmissions. Six-speed automatic
- Base price (incl. destination).

der belt design that allows passengers to move sideways. Look for broader use of this in more vehicles. With a \$50,800 starting price (\$3,300 extra for four-wheel-drive), including destination charges, the new Tahoe continues a tradition of capability and power. Even in this day and age, it makes no apologies for that, nor should it.



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Great Scotti! That's one hell of a car collection

Enforced auction.

Dealership owner and avid collector John must sell portion of his giant number of vehicles as he is moving house



In true collector spirit, John Scotti kept acquiring muscle cars and late model exotics, and didn't worry too much about the accumulation. But now he's forced to - The Montreal-based collector, who also operates several new-car dealerships, has to relocate his Lamborghini and Lotus operations, which also houses a good chunk of his collection, and the new digs just can't take all the 'Vettes, Mustangs, Cudas, and Torinos.

So he's sending 400 to 450 of them to auction. "John Scotti Collection" will headline Auctions America's spring sale in Auburn, Ind., on May 8-10, and

stands to be the largest single Canadian car collection ever sold at auction.

Some might suggest the word "collection" could be replaced with "inventory," as most of the vehicles appeared to be for sale by John Scotti Classic Cars. But Howard Cohen, who manages John Scotti Classic Cars, told us there were cars in the warehouse no one ever saw. "Some have been

sitting in there for 12 years." Cohen also adds that his boss is a lifelong car enthusiast who acquired the vehicles over a period a time, and that the collection very much reflects his personal tastes.

Scotti must be drawn to low-mileage original muscle cars, because there are an impressive number of those in the collection. Two such examples include the 1967 Corvette Convertible with 5,500 miles, and the 1987 Buick GNX showing just 90 original miles.

The car expected to fetch the highest value under the hammer is the show-ready 1934 Chrysler Airflow, with a sales estimate of \$150,000 to \$200,000. All the collection cars will be sold with "no reserve" (sometimes sellers stipulate a reserve or minimum selling amount that must be met before the vehicle can change hands). While "no reserve" seems to introduce an element of risk, Gord Duff of Auctions America says history has shown that "no reserve" always creates more interest and attendance and buzz, and that always translates to better overall sales results.

He also noted that the John

ticket to Indiana. "Both parties (Auctions America and John Scotti) have put in lots of work to get these cars here. They're not going back to Montreal."

From Scotti's end, the work entails starting hundreds of veteran cars that haven't stirred for a while, and that means lots battery replacements and carb cleaning, and the occasional un-sticking of seized brakes. About 200 cars are already in Indiana. Another 200-plus to go. "Everything has to be out of here by April 30th, that's the cut-off," says Cohen.

While in an ideal world, Cohen would have preferred to sell the cars the usual "retail" way, he completely agrees with his boss's decision to make this mass sell-off. "We just had too many cars ... To be honest with you, my boss likes buying more than he does sell-

And he's at it again. "John just made another purchase - 946 cars from a 92-year old collector." For more information on the John Scotti auction check out auctionsamerica. com. You can also watch a lot of the auction live on the NBC Sports Network







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↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

It may at times seem as if you are moving backwards but that means you need to adjust your way of thinking. What you have to understand is that every experience moves you forward, eventually.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Social activities will go well today, so make an effort to get out and meet new people. The more things you do with others, the more you will enjoy yourself and the more of an effect your actions will have.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

You can be a bit too blunt and with Mercury, your ruler, linked to Jupiter, planet of excess, today you may say too much. So what? At least you have something worth saying.

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June 22 - July 23

You need to realize there is more going on than you were previously aware of. You need to accept that in spite of all the bad things that go on in the world, it's a wonderful place.

Ω Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23 Either you will come into money today or you will come up with a plan that makes you money in thefuture. If it's the latter, be patient. True wealth is worth waiting for.

M Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Joint plans are less likely to go wrong today if you keep any doubts you have to yourself. Yes, it's quite likely you can see a better way of doing things but, having agreed to take part in a venture, you must be positive about it.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Self-confidence is the key to success, so believe in what you are doing. Remember too that the world you experience is largely a reflection of what goes on inside your head.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You must carry on with a creative endeavor that you may have been thinking of giving up on. You don't seem to realize how close you are to a breakthrough.

プ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Today's Mercury-Jupiter aspect will help you find the words to connect with those you are closest to. You don't have to get emotional but you do have to remind them that your love is unconditional.

V Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It's unlike you to be easygoing about people you don't much like and opinions you think are stupid but you seem to have reached a point where, frankly, you no longer care. Getting uptight is not worth the hassle.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Mercury in the money area of your chart suggests that Lady Luck will be smiling on you over the next few days. If you do find you have extra cash in your pocket, why not treat someone you love to an afternoon or evening out?

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It's an ideal day to make promises. Mercury, planet of the mind, is on your side so decide what you desire and commit to making it yours. The universe will hear and respond favourably. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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